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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF AN EQUIPMENT DONATION FROM HEALTH  
RESEARCH ASSOCIATION TO THE PEDIATRIC  
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY CLINIC AT LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(3 VOTES)**

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## **SUBJECT**

Request approval to accept an equipment donation of a Vein Viewer vascular imaging system and related one year service maintenance contract from Health Research Association to LAC+USC Medical Center for the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

## **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Accept an equipment donation of a Vein Viewer vascular imaging system (Vein Viewer) and related one year service maintenance contract, valued at \$19,173, from Health Research Association (HRA) to be used by the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology clinic at LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC).
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to HRA for the generous donation of the Vein Viewer (Attachment A).

To ensure access to high-quality,  
patient-centered, cost-effective health  
care to Los Angeles County residents  
through direct services at DHS facilities  
and through collaboration with  
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### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

In accordance with County policy, donations in excess of \$10,000 require acceptance by your Board. HRA provides clinical trial support to LAC+USC MC and manages the Pediatric Oncology Fund. The Pediatric Oncology Fund was established in 2006 to benefit the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology clinic at LAC+USC MC and receives funding from the LAC+USC MC Auxiliary, Local 666 Emergency Relief Fund, and the Children's Cancer Research Fund. HRA used funds from the Pediatric Oncology Fund for the purchase of the Vein Viewer and related one year maintenance contract.

The donation of the Vein Viewer will help staff to see accessible vasculature on pediatric patients. The Vein Viewer uses near-infrared light and patented technologies to image vascular structures and projects their location directly on the surface of the skin. This provides clinicians with a safe, non-invasive technology for clinical treatment and procedures. With this machine, nurses can see veins easier and inject patients with more accuracy, thereby decreasing the number of injections and improving patient satisfaction.

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the facility to accept the gift donation and the second recommendation will acknowledge receipt of the generous donation.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no immediate net County cost associated with acceptance of the Vein Viewer.

One year after implementation of the Vein Viewer system, HRA will transfer all maintenance cost associated with this equipment to the County. The estimated annual maintenance cost is \$1,800. Funding is included in DHS FY 12-13 Adopted Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will help maintain the quality of health care services delivered to children at LAC+USC MC.

### **CONCLUSION**

Attached for your consideration is a draft letter of appreciation to HRA thanking them for their generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

August 14, 2012

Stephen Mackey  
Executive Director  
USC Clinical Research Organization (a.k.a. Health Research Association)  
1640 Marengo St, Suite 700  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Mackey,

At its meeting held on August 14, 2012 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the donation of a Vein Viewer vascular imaging system (Vein Viewer) and related service maintenance contract valued at \$19,173 from Health Research Association to the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology clinic at LAC+USC Medical Center. The donation of the Vein Viewer will help the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology clinic staff to find veins on patients by using near infra-red light. With this machine, nurses can see veins easier and inject patients with more accuracy, thereby decreasing the number of injections and improving patient satisfaction.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, please accept their deep appreciation of your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors